

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker and Christopher Martin; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors John Cookson (Town of Cabot)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: Tree Warden legislation, Vacancy in the Old Schoolhouse, Railroad Bed Update, Certificate of Highway Miles

Public Comment: none

Review and Approval of Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of the January 7, 2020 meeting.

Recycling: Cabot hosts a recycling center that Marshfield residents can use. Up until a few years ago, there was no cost. For the last few years, since the recycling market has changed, the Northeast Kingdom Solid Waste District has had to begin charging for picking up recycling. The Town of Cabot has been paying a little over \$8,200 for the cost of the attendant and the recycling and compost pickup. They would like the Town of Marshfield to share in the cost or come up with another solution. They are not looking for reimbursement this year but would like to have the Town of Marshfield think about this and figure out what to do for next year. They would like to hear from the Town by July.

Town Meeting: The Board signed the warning for town meeting.

Route 2: Rich gave an update of his meeting with VTrans. The project is currently scheduled to begin in 2022. Rich will be the liaison for the Town.

Old Schoolhouse Common: The Board adopted a short-term rental policy.

Railroad Bed: Rich reported that the railroad bed is being plowed but he is not sure who is doing the plowing. It makes the railroad bed look like a snowmobile trail, and snowmobiles may start using it. It could become a problem in the future.

Liquor Licenses: The Board approved liquor licenses for RL Vallee and Rivers Edge Quik Stop. They approved a special event permit for Hooker Mountain Distillery to have a Super Bowl Party at the Marshfield Village Store.

Tree Warden: There is a proposed statute that would require the tree warden to approve the cutting of any tree in the right of way, and may require public notice. The Board approved having Rich send an email to our legislators, explaining that this would be burdensome in a rural community.

Personnel Policy: The Selectboard amended the personnel policy to clarify that an employee who is out on leave will only accrue sick, holiday, and vacation time when they are working regular hours. In that case, the accrued time will be prorated in the same manner as a part-time employee.

Executive Session: At 8:00, Rich moved to enter executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Chris seconded. The Board returned to open session at 8:15. They did not take any action.

Certificate of Highway Miles: The Selectboard signed the Certificate with no changes.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
